THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No project has so far been sanctioned for Punjab under the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Modernisation of NTC Mills

†3080. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering about modernization of textile mills owned by NTC in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on modernization of textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) As per the Rehabilitation Schemes of subsidiaries of National Textile Corporation approved by BIFR, 53 mills are to be revived. However, since sale of assets has been delayed for want of permission from various State Governments, sufficient resources could not be mobilised from the sale of surplus assets. It has therefore been decided that 15 mills should be modernised at a cost of Rs. 318.83 crores and modernisation of other mills may be attempted through a strategic private partner.

Modernization of powerloom, handloom and textile units

†3081. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to modernize powerloom, handloom and textile units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have proposed any fund for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the following schemes for the modernization of powerloom, handloom and textile units:

Powerloom	:	Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS); and Group Workshed Scheme (GWS).
Handloom	:	Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY)
Textile Units	:	Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFS).

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